

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Fort George G. Meade Water Tower #004 Inventory Number: AA-2374  
South of the intersection of Route 175 and  
Address: Ridge Road City: Fort George G. Meade Zip Code: 20755-5115  
County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Relay, MD  
Owner: Fort George G. Meade Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: Fort Meade Cultural Resource Management Plan Update Agency: U.S. Army  
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The water towers at Fort Meade were constructed between 1928 and 1955. The water towers were constructed across the installation with no apparent plan. Two water towers are associated with the Camp Meade period and the transition to a permanent installation. Two water towers are associated with World War II mobilization construction. The fifth water tower was constructed in 1955. This water tower is located near a family housing area. Construction of this water tower predated the housing area, which was built in 1959.

Water Tower 004 (WT004) was constructed in 1941. The tower is located on Hunt Hill, near Route 175 and 26<sup>th</sup> Street, one of the highest points on the northern part of the post. The tower is 106 feet tall and has a capacity of 500,000 gallons of water. The circular tank is steel and is covered with a conical steel cap. WT004 is supported by six metal frame legs along with a centrally located metal standpipe leading from the bottom of the tank to the ground. WT004 sits alone in a wooded area, with a small storage building located at the base of the tower. WT004 was constructed near a complex of World War II temporary wooden buildings. All of these buildings have been removed, and the only buildings in the vicinity of the tower are the Fort Meade Senior High School and Meade Middle School.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Jonathan Sager  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. K. ...  
Reviewer, NR Program

1/29/08  
Date

1/28/08  
Date

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

AA -2374

Water towers are common features on military installations. They are primarily used to hold water for human consumption or fire fighting. Historically, water towers were frequently used to store water for agricultural or transportation uses. The water stored in the water towers at Fort Meade is potable.

WT004 was considered for NR eligibility in association with National Register Criteria A and C, but it was found that that it was not associated with events that have made a significant contribution in American history, it is not the work of a master, and it does not have distinctive characteristics. WT004 was apparently constructed to support the grouping of WWII mobilization buildings located to its south. These buildings have all been demolished. The setting, feeling, and association of the tower have been altered. WT004 is not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, MD  
21203-1715

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Prepared: December 2006  
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Water Tower #4  
MIHP #: AA 2374  
Fort George G. Meade  
1941  
Public Access

### Capsule Summary

Water Tower 004 (WT004) was also constructed in 1941. The tower is located on Hunt Hill, near Route 175 and 26<sup>th</sup> Street, one of the highest points on the northern part of the post. The tower is 106 feet tall and has a capacity of 500,000 gallons of water. The circular tank is steel and is covered with a conical steel cap. WT004 is supported by six metal frame legs along with a centrally located metal standpipe leading from the bottom of the tank to the ground. WT004 sits alone in a wooded area, with a small storage building located at the base of the tower. WT004 was constructed near a complex of World War II temporary wooden buildings. All of these buildings have been removed, and the only buildings in the vicinity of the tower are the Fort Meade Senior High School and Meade Middle School.

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-2374

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Fort Meade Water Tower #004

other WT004

### 2. Location

street and number South of the intersection of Route 175 and Ridge Road not for publication

city, town Fort George G. Meade vicinity

county Anne Arundel

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Fort George G. Meade

street and number telephone 301-677-9855

city, town Fort Meade state MD zip code 20755-5115

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☒ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> defense	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ 1 structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____ 1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**  
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## 7. Description

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Inventory No. AA-2374

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1941

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register☐ Maryland Register☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Fort George G. Meade Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, December 2006.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1/4 acre  
Acreage of historical setting same  
Quadrangle name Relay, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title			
organization	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District	date	December 2006
street & number	P.O. Box 1715	telephone	410-962-4995
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD

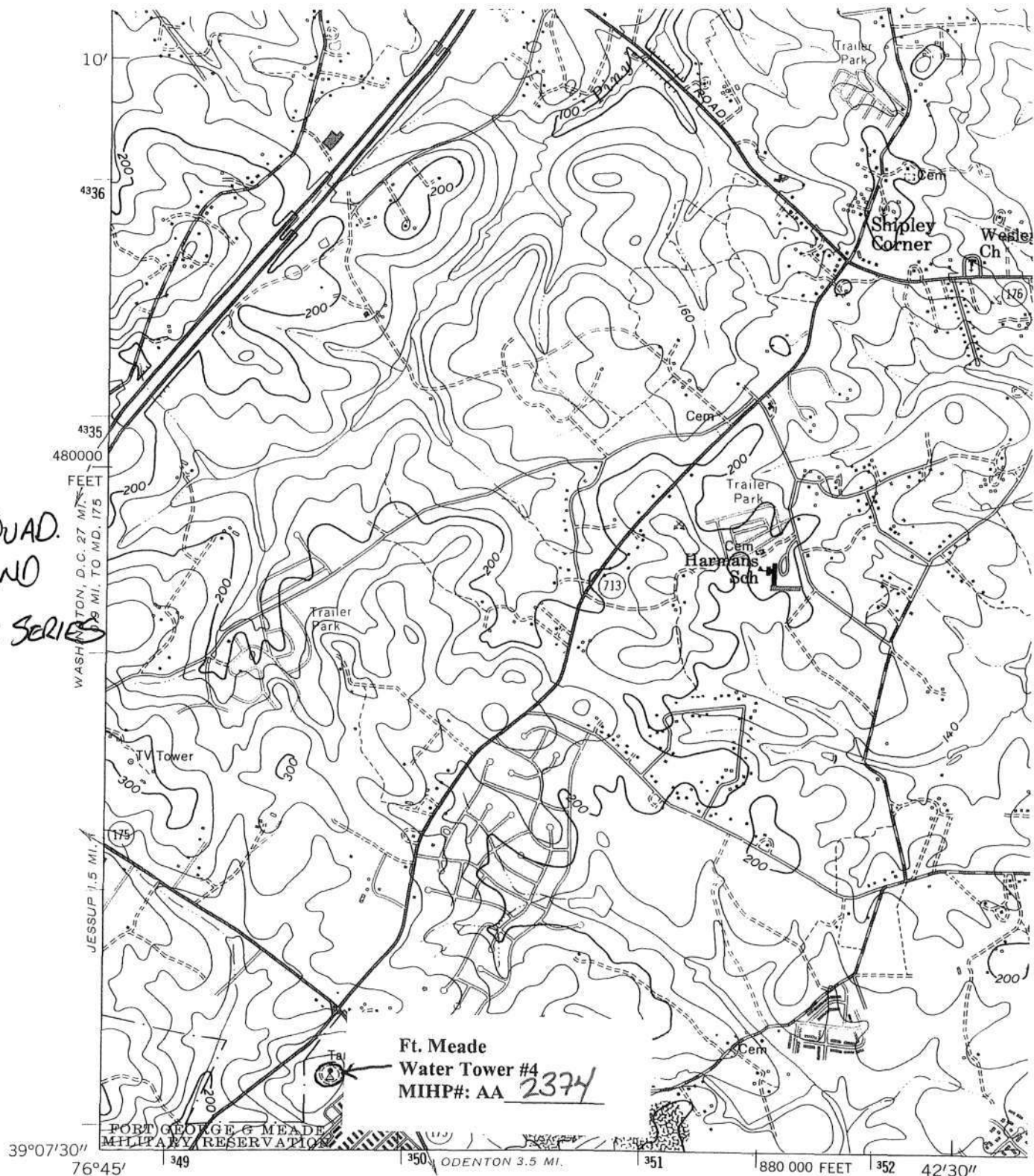
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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RELAY QUAD.  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES



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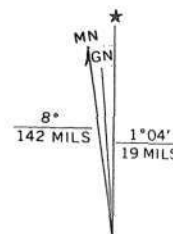
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
and by planimeter surveys 1943. Planimetric detail revised  
from aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1957

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only  
landmark buildings are shown

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from  
aerial photographs taken 1966 and 1974. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET





1. AA 2374
2. WT 694, FORT MEADE
3. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
4. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
5. NOVEMBER 2005
6. USACE, BALTIMORE DISTRICT
7. VIEW FACING NORTH WEST
8. 10K1